

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. KITAMURA et al. Confirmation No.: 5539  
Serial No.: 10/781,677  
Filed: February 20, 2004  
For: METHOD AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH DATA  
REPLICATION  
Group: 2162  
Examiner: D. Myint

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 16, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire September 16, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.